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5 CFR Part 532

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Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, and Southwestern

Wisconsin Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Office of Personnel Management is issuing a final rule to redefine the geographic boundaries of the Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, and Southwestern Wisconsin appropriated fund Federal Wage System (FWS) wage areas. The final rule redefines Wabasha County, MN, from the Southwestern Wisconsin wage area to the Minneapolis-St. Paul wage area. This change is based on a recent consensus recommendation of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee to best match Wabasha County to a nearby FWS survey area.

DATES: This regulation is effective on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 21, 2012, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued a proposed rule (77 FR 75589) to redefine the geographic boundaries of the Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, and Southwestern Wisconsin appropriated fund Federal Wage System (FWS) wage areas. The final rule redefines Wabasha County, MN, from the Southwestern Wisconsin wage area to the Minneapolis-St. Paul wage area. The Federal

Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee (FPRAC), the national labor-management committee responsible for advising OPM on matters concerning the pay of FWS employees, recommended this change by consensus. FPRAC recommended no other changes in the geographic definitions of the Minneapolis-St. Paul and Southwestern Wisconsin wage areas. This change would be effective on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after 30 days following publication of the final regulations. The proposed rule had a 30-day comment period, during which OPM received no comments.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that these regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they will affect only Federal agencies and employees.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 532

Administrative practice and procedure, Freedom of information, Government employees, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Wages.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Elaine Kaplan,
Acting Director.

Accordingly, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management amends 5 CFR part 532 as follows:

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1. The authority citation for part 532 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5343, 5346; § 532.707 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 552.

2. Appendix C to subpart B is amended by revising the wage area listings for the Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, and Southwestern Wisconsin wage areas to read as follows:

Appendix C to Subpart B of Part 532—Appropriated Fund Wage and Survey Areas

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MINNESOTA

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Minneapolis-St. Paul

Survey Area

Minnesota:

Anoka
Carver
Chisago
Dakota
Hennepin
Ramsey
Scott
Washington
Wright

Wisconsin:

St. Croix

Area of Application. Survey area plus:

Minnesota:

Benton
Big Stone
Blue Earth
Brown
Chippewa
Cottonwood
Dodge
Douglas
Faribault
Freeborn
Goodhue
Grant

Isanti
 Kanabec
 Kandiyohi
 Lac Qui Parle
 Le Sueur
 McLeod
 Martin
 Meeker
 Mille Lacs
 Morrison
 Mower
 Nicollet
 Olmsted
 Pope
 Redwood
 Renville
 Rice
 Sherburne
 Sibley
 Stearns
 Steele
 Stevens
 Swift
 Todd
 Traverse
 Wabasha
 Wadena
 Waseca
 Watonwan
 Yellow Medicine
 Wisconsin:
 Pierce
 Polk

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WISCONSIN

Southwestern Wisconsin

Survey Area

Wisconsin:
 Chippewa
 Eau Claire
 Monroe

Trempealeau

Area of Application. Survey area plus:

Minnesota:

Fillmore

Houston

Winona

Wisconsin:

Barron

Buffalo

Clark

Crawford

Dunn

Florence

Forest

Jackson

Juneau

Langlade

Lincoln

Marathon

Marinette

Menominee

Oneida

Pepin

Portage

Price

Richland

Rusk

Shawano

Taylor

Vernon

Vilas

Waupaca

Wood

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